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Dear Air Directors, Deputies, & Associates:

As promised last Tuesday on the bi-weekly ADD call, we have distributed for your review/input the draft letters intended for states regarding eligibility to redesignate clean nonattainment areas. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Dear APMs,

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

The letters will be signed by Peter Tsirigotis, OAQPS Office Director, and sent via email to environmental commissioner level officials on or around August 7. The emails will include an attachment of the signed letter for each recipient. We are still working on some logistics here.

The attached file for your review includes all 16 draft letters, in order by region. Please review the letters for your states/tribe, and provide edits in redline and any additional information to Leigh Herrington, herrington.leigh@epa.gov, by COB July 29. Leigh can help address any questions or concerns regarding the areas that have been included, customizing the language in the letters, or other issues.

We request that with your comments you also provide the following information:

- Title and name of state/tribal recipient
- Email address of recipient (and email addresses for any others you'd like to include at cc's)
- Physical address of recipient
- Regional Office contact person (ADDs are included in the draft letter - does that work?)

In particular, please review *paragraph 4* of each letter and provide any suggested edits. The following is an example of its format:

Several nonattainment areas in your state appear to have attained their respective air quality standards. After consultation with Air Division Director [name] in EPA Region [X], we have determined that these areas, listed below, may be good candidates for redesignation. I encourage you to consider prioritizing the development of maintenance plans and submitting redesignation requests as soon as possible. I understand that you may already have discussed plans for redesignation with your Regional contacts or even begun work to develop redesignation requests. The candidate areas and applicable design values for the 2017-19 period are as follows:

[the list of 1 or more relevant nonattainment areas for each state/tribe goes here]

Thanks again for providing your review of these letters by Wed, July 29.

Best regards,

Rich Damberg (acting GL for Megan Brachtl this month....)

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